

DRAMATIC SKETCHES—No. 1.

The Prompter—Long-delayed Tribute to an Old Public Functionary. People have very vague notions about the internal economy of a theatre. The most refreshing ignorance upon stage matters is constantly shown by men who are fully abreast of every other topic.

We assert that the prompter is the hardest-worked man in the theatre. The actors are all off of many scenes, and are generally entirely out of the casts of some plays, but the prompter is an essential part of each scene in every piece, day in and night out.

There are, to be sure, some gradations in this anxiety. The prompter grows to know the material of his company, which members of it are sure-footed and which are the most liable to "stick"; and although, if he is a trusty man, he will follow all with a like fidelity, yet as regards his own comfort

More than this, the prompter's day work does not by any means end with the rehearsal. There are multitudinous demands upon him from the stage manager, for the piece or pieces to be rehearsed, to draw out for the chief carpenter a list—"plot" as it is called—of the various scenery to be set for the evening's performance.

In the matter of properties, also, is the prompter directly responsible. "Properties" is the generic name for all small articles used by the actors in the course of their performance. They are of infinite variety, and the person whose business it is to make, provide, and take care of them (of whom we may speak more fully on a future occasion) is one of the institutions of the theatre.

Of all impracticable things, it might be thought that a stuttering prompter was the toughest. At first blush it seems indeed that he might as well have no tongue as one not perfectly under his control. Yet we have known a man who stammered worse than an earthquake, and yet who was so valuable to his proprietors that they would have raised his salary three dollars a week any time rather than have lost him.

We have thus given an outline—a beggarly one—of the prompter's duty. It was Mrs. Harris' opinion of Sairey Gamp that "of all over-worked and underpaid creatures" she (Sairey) was the overworkedest and the underpaidest. We make an exception, however, in favor of our friend of the Fifth Entrance—R. H. Sometimes, not once, he is, as actors say, "amused," and doesn't mind the work; but the fact remains.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

The City Amusements. At THE ARCH Sheridan's comedy of '73 School for Scandal will be performed this evening, with 'A Kiss in the Dark' as an afterpiece.

On Wednesday Mr. W. H. Wallis, an excellent actor and an established favorite, will present his claims to the regard of the public.

On Thursday Mr. John J. Holmes, the box-book-keeper, and Mr. Fred. Trefts, the ticket taker, will have a joint benefit, for which an attractive bill is announced.

At THE WALNUT Tom Taylor's play of 'Twixt Axe and Crown will be represented, with Miss Ella Burns in the character of "Lady Elizabeth." This play had an extraordinary run in London, and is said to be of more than usual interest.

At THE CHESTNUT Mrs. E. L. Davenport will have a benefit this evening, which should attract a large audience. The programme will consist of 'Dreams of Delusion,' 'The Two Friends,' and 'A Bull in a China Shop.'

On Thursday evening Mr. Walter Lennox will have a benefit, when 'She Stoops to Conquer' and 'Suzanne's Young Men' will be represented. Mr. Lennox is an excellent low comedian, who is fairly established in the regards of the playgoers of Philadelphia, and we hope his benefit will be a substantial one.

The benefit of Mr. H. Torrance, the box-book-keeper, is announced for Saturday evening. At THE ACADEMY of Music the spectacle of 'The Black Crook' will be represented this evening.

At THE ASSEMBLY BUILDING the beautiful drama of 'Ireland in Shade and Sunshine' will commence its third week this evening. This is one of the most attractive entertainments ever given in this city, and is well worthy of the regards of the public.

At THE AMERICAN Miss Kate Fisher will enter upon the second week of her engagement, and will appear on this and every evening of the week in her great role of "Mazepa."

At THE MUSEUM, Ninth and Arch streets, Mr. Lewis Baker will appear this evening as 'Wilkins Micawber' in a dramatization of 'David Copperfield.'

A GRAND COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT to Mr. George A. Conly will be given on Friday evening, May 5th, at Concert Hall, under the direction of Professor Etorre Barill, who will be assisted by a number of well-known artists.

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DIED.

ALBRIGHT.—At his residence, No. 1715 Market street, on the morning of the 24th instant, JOHN G. ALBRIGHT.

FOSTER.—On Saturday afternoon, the 23d instant, ELIZABETH B., wife of Joseph H. Foster.

HARRIS.—On the 21st instant, CARLOT R. MOORE, only son of David and Mary Hardie, aged 2 years and 9 months.

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SCULL.—On the 24th instant, HANNAH E., wife of David Scull, Jr.

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REV. DR. JOHN HALL, OF NEW YORK, will lecture on Tuesday evening next, April 25, at 8 o'clock, in the Rev. Dr. Wyle's Church, BROAD Street, below Spruce Street. Subject—"Personal Power." Tickets, 50c.

THE BANK OF AMERICA. PHILADELPHIA, April 24, 1871. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Bank of America will be held on MONDAY, May 1, 1871, between the hours of 10 and 12 A. M.

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